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EUROPE'S UNEVANGELIZED MILLIONS

375,000,000 people in Russia, Czechoslovakia, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, including 10,000,000 Jews.

Facts about Europe's Unevangelized Millions

There are in eastern, southern and central Europe approximately 375,000,000 people in need of evangelization. They are ignorant of the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. They live in these countries: Czechoslovakia, Poland, Russia, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, and Albania.

The figure of 375,000,000 is reached by deducting from the total population of the above countries the very small percentage of Protestants (largely formal) and a generous estimate of some millions of those who may have heard the gospel. Included are the Roman Catholics in Germany.

The net increase in the population in this field is about 5,000,000 every year.

Ritualism, Superstition, Atheism

These 375,000,000 people are chiefly Russian Orthodox, Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics, Mohammedans (18,000,000), and Jews (10,000,000). The religion of the Russian Orthodox and the Greek and Roman Catholics consists of ceremonies, superstitions, prayers to the "saints," worship of images and icons, prayers for the dead, and the worship of Mary. These false religious practices and hopes made the Reformation necessary.

Millions on this field profess no religion whatever. In large cities over seventy per-

cent of the working class have no connection with any religion. Atheists, communists and Bolshevists increase. It is stated that 25,000,000 Russian youth have never known anything else but godless atheism. Yet even among atheists our workers find those who respond to the power of the gospel.

Do we realize that Spain has less Protestants proportionately than China, or India, or Africa? that there are less Protestants in Spain than there are foreign missionaries in Asia? Italy with a population of 42,000,000 people has about 100,000 Protestants, less proportionately than Africa or India.

This field of 375,000,000 needy souls is three times the population of the United States. It is more than twice the population of Africa.

Missionaries find Response Everywhere

The European Christian Mission carries on work in nine countries; its missionaries find interest and response everywhere. People are glad to receive tracts and Scriptures, meetings in various centers are often crowded, and souls are continually being added unto the Lord. Native congregations have been established. In Soviet Russia we preach Christ through native workers whom God has used to save many souls.

People Appealing for the Gospel

Will you pray for these 375,000,000 people? From this field also God would call

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out "a people for His name" (Acts 15: 14) for the completion of the Church of Christ. The people of the field themselves appeal to us for missionaries, for Scriptures, and for meetings; they beg us to open new preaching centers in their towns and villages. Let us send them the gospel of eternal salvation at once while doors are open and hearts are hungry for the Bread of Life. "How shall

they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? Rom. 10:14, 15.

G. P. R.

Sources of statistics for above figures are: the World Almanac, the New York Times, World Dominion, Protestant Europe by Keller and Stewart, and League of Nations statistics.

Voices from the Field

Soviet Russia

By this letter I let you know that by God's grace I am still alive and well. I work in His holy vineyard in this great and wide field, and the Lord blesses the work. Souls are saved continually.

Mr. S-.



Esthonia

My helpers and I preached in the past year to over 75,000 people, of whom five thousand were earnest inquirers. Many of these inquirers are today rejoicing in salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Wil Raud



Jews in Germany

In a small town from here there are twenty-four Jewish families, nearly all of whom are believers or seekers. Many Jews today are accepting Christ as their Messiah. It is not an easy thing to reach the Jews these days, but with God all things are possible.

Miss Esther M. Hoyt and
Miss Lulu L. Sommers



Lithuania

A poor old lady of sixty-nine years rejoiced to hear the sweet story of Jesus and His love. With tears streaming down her wrinkled cheeks she said, "Last year I nearly died and I wondered why my life was spared. How I thank God that He has permitted me to hear these wonderful words of life."

Miss Laura Miswick

Bulgaria

Great is the need of Christ among our villagers. Almost all of our villages are without a preacher or Bible worker.

Miss Tania Miskova



Jews in Austria

A few nights ago I was passing a Jewish school room where a number of Jews gather together every night and morning to pray for the Jewish nation, the restoration of the sacrifices, and the souls of those Jewish people who have died during the past year. I went inside a little way as the evening was warm and they had left the door open. About fifty Jews were there, all old, and all were on their hands and knees crying to the Lord. Many of them were weeping. It was a sight one could not forget easily, and inspired one to pray with a more fervent desire for the Lord to come down and visit these His chosen people.

Miss E. Mann



Spain

The Lord enabled me to speak that night, just a short message but backed by your prayers at home! Two strangers listened to every word, and after the meeting came to see us with another friend. They said, after remarking how they believed the message, "Won't you come to our town and hold meetings?" (in another untouched province) Not only were their own hearts touched but they already wanted literature for distribution among their fellow villagers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melbourne

Let Us be in Time!

There have been many fresh people to the meetings. We have had to arrange the chairs in such a way as to enable us to get in more people.

One woman who has begun coming to the meetings told us that she was a Roman Catholic but had no peace of heart and was burdened concerning her soul. She asked a friend of hers who is a Spiritist whether she could attend the Spiritist meetings and find peace in her heart. But her friend answered that she had been attending the Spiritist meetings for some time but had no peace. So she said, "Why not try the Mission? And if you get peace, I'll leave the Spiritist things alone and come too."

The woman came to one of our meetings and heard the gospel for the first time. We invited her to stay behind and have a talk with us since we saw she was interested. I cannot tell you what the feelings of my heart were when she turned to me and said, "Why have I never heard the gospel before? My father and mother have died in their sins. They never heard the gospel, and for them it is too late." Too late - too late. Oh, let us not be too late in bringing the gospel to needy Europe, but let us be in time to save souls who have never heard.

A short time ago I stood beside the remains of one who had died, who had never known the Lord Jesus, who had never heard the way of salvation, but who had passed into eternity. Eternity! What a word! Who can measure the height, the depth, the length of such a thought? Has this ever touched your heart and led you to cry out for those wandering in darkness? Thousands are daily passing away, young and old, rich and poor, all classes, -passing on to eternity! In view of this solemn fact, let me ask you again to pray for me, and for the work of the European Christian Mission. "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it."

Miss Winefride M. Kingshott,
Hodonin, Czechoslovakia

The Certainty of Answered Prayer

By Rev. G. P. Raud

"All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. What a glorious promise! How often we have minimized the meaning of these words. Ask, believe that you have received, and you shall have the answer. It should humble us before the Lord that He has put such power in the hands of His children for His work and His glory. He longs to have us take hold of this promise of His.

We are, first of all, to be sure through the Word of God and the Spirit that the thing we ask is His will; we then ask it in prayer, and after we have asked we believe that we have received. The answer to some prayers is experienced at once. Some petitions require more prayer before the answer comes; in this case we are to continue in prayer until the answer becomes an actual reality in our possession for His glory. Whatever we ask for His glory is His will and the answer will come. It may tarry, but it will come. We have only to continue in prayer until it is ours. What grace and love God has given us that we can go to Him with whatever we need, ask and receive.



The Rev. Thomas MacDonald, General Secretary of the Mission, has recently returned from the field and will tell in our next issue of God's blessing on the work there. Mr. MacDonald reports a growing number of friends in Great Britain and progress on the field, for all of which we praise God.

Because of the lack of space we omit the page of donations which usually appears in our magazine. To every donor a numbered receipt is sent.

We shall be glad to have you send us the names and addresses of Christian people so that we can tell them about the progress of the gospel of Christ in Europe.

Have you thought what blessing you may bring upon men and women in gross darkness on our field by providing for the Mission in your will?

Reaching Needy Souls in White Russian Poland

In Voroceviczy two women were converted to Christ in the past month of April. They had already spent half their lives but they did not know about Jesus Christ as they ought to know. They belonged to the Greek Catholic Church but never had heard a message about salvation in Jesus Christ until I visited their village. When they came to our meetings they were convinced that it is necessary to repent and accept Jesus Christ.

Their priest does not preach that his congregation may be saved through the blood of Jesus Christ but says to them, "If you go to confession and belong to the Greek Catholic Church and observe the church ceremonies, you are all right; and after death you will know where you will be."

---Mr. T. Zamkowicz.



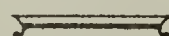
On the 17th we had the joy of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Rudyk. In the evening we had a meeting in Pinsk and afterwards went on a missionary trip. I spent ten days on the trip and had the opportunity to preach the gospel in thirteen meetings. There were especially good meetings in Zavalavie and Tolko'vo where several hundred gathered in the meeting halls of the European Christian Mission.

---Mr. P. Jakubowicz.



The Lord has chosen new workers to go to the other villages and preach the Word of God. We visit new places and everywhere the people listen with hunger. In spite of the fact that people are tired from their daily work, they attend the meetings with joy and sit or stand in stuffy rooms, about fifty to a hundred souls, sometimes to a late hour. People are disappointed with their religion (Russian Orthodox) and come to our meetings or else follow the teachings of atheism.

---Mr. A. Petrowski



By God's grace we have a wonderful story to tell of gospel triumphs in Europe. We shall value any opportunity to make known God's working through the Mission. We shall be glad to receive invitations for missionary meetings, lantern lectures, prayer meetings and drawing room meetings. Just send us a card.



Mr. Frank Melbourne, one of our missionaries in spiritually dark Spain

Responsive Hearts in Spain

The couple mentioned in the circular came to see us last Sunday. We never met people more open in our lives. The man, his wife, and one daughter were here and were indeed very friendly. He said, 'I could see that you people were just a little different. My eyes tell me the difference.' Since receiving the gospel he had committed to memory many stories. He could give us the gist of John 3 and 11.

We pointed out to him the simple way of salvation, what we were here in Spain for, and that we were at the disposal of the people for their spiritual welfare as well as to visit their sick and so on. Our frankness greatly pleased them. The simple truths of the Word of God we could see had already been accepted by them. Whether or not they are definitely saved we cannot tell, but we believe they are our staunch friends. We proposed to visit them in their own home and invite the neighbours for a meeting and they readily responded to this proposition. How we do praise God! Naturally we still make many blunders in the language, but the people can understand us and said nothing about "the foreign element."

Our district has been covered with tracts now. My, the ignorance which abounds! Last Sunday after this

family left we went to another poor section and were refused when offering tracts because "the propaganda, being religious, is against the Republic." Such is the wake of Rome. The ignorant consider all religions as contrary to republics!

But we are glad to say that a few words of explanation about the love of God as mentioned in the tracts causes many would-be refusers to become interested. If Spain is not evangelized, it will be because we have refused to open the eyes of the blind so they can see. And they are blind! Some confound our literature with advertisements for theaters!

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melbourne
Madrid, Spain

(Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne have been in Spain about one year.)

News from Russia

A release of over 12,000 political prisoners is reported from Soviet Russia. Sentences of large numbers of other prisoners have been reduced according to the *New York Times*. Doubtless among these prisoners are many children of God who will by this order of the Soviet Government be restored to their homes. The report is encouraging and we can pray and trust for fresh services of God upon his suffering people in Russia.

Letters from some of our co-workers in Soviet Russia state that they are still carrying on the Lord's work. Difficulties are great, not the least of these being the high cost of food and other necessities. Russian believers sorely need material help which can safely be sent to them. Through

our co-workers men and women are brought to Christ.

God will bring about religious liberty in Soviet Russia if we continue to ask Him for it in faith.

Millions of Tracts Needed

How often our missionaries write to us about people on the field who are glad to accept the tracts handed to them. Some persons stand on the street and read the tracts at once. Many ask for copies to give to friends. Dissatisfied, discouraged, empty lives find in a gospel tract an utterly new message: peace, forgiveness, everlasting life, all the free gift of the God who loves them.

Millions of tracts should be going out constantly on the field. They are needed in order to keep the missionaries spoken message in permanent printed form in the hands and the homes of the people. Please pray with us for a large supply of tracts, and help us to provide them as the Lord has prospered you.

Millions of Scriptures for Eastern and Southern Europe

How many Scriptures are required for a field of 375,000,000 people? At present we are praying for means to provide at least 1,000,000 New Testaments and 1,000,000 Gospels of John. Everywhere on our field there is tremendous need for the printed Word of God. Jews and Gentiles gladly receive Scriptures from our missionaries, and light has come into darkened souls through the reading of them. There are villages without a single copy of Scripture in the language understood by the people.

The price of Testaments is 25 cents a copy; one hundred for \$25. Will you help to provide for these unevangelized millions the gospel in print which is "the power of God unto salvation?"



Rev. Wil Raud in charge of the Mission's work in needy Esthonia

A Missionary Trip in Esthonia

On the 14th I went to a village where a meeting had never before been held; most in the village did not know what an evangelical meeting is like. About thirty people gathered at six o'clock in the afternoon and gave whole-hearted attention till the close, that is, all except a rich woman who left before the meeting ended. About twenty remained for the aftermeeting that I might pray with them. From here I was taken the next day to another village. I had meetings in the morning and evening and dealt personally with several.

On the 16th nearly a hundred gathered for a meeting in another village. They all listened attentively and in the aftermeeting many were in tears, especially young people. There was real hunger in the hearts of the people here. They asked when I would return.

I went by horse to Luhamaa. During my preaching in the evening meeting a woman went upon her knees and did not rise until she had found peace and forgiveness through the blood of Jesus. Most of the audience remained for prayer in the aftermeeting. I stayed here the next day for talk and prayer with seeking souls. In a meeting in the evening God again saved a soul.

Here in Luhamaa God has done wonders through the workers of the European Christian Mission. Many have been converted and now meet together regularly in each other's homes.

The Lord not so long ago saved a

well-educated young married couple. The husband was converted last summer when we were there. His wife then began to abuse him continually but he bore all her abuse in silence. She hated all believers and threatened to harm them. At Christmas when her husband went to a meeting she was very angry; inviting her friends to the house she began to drink vodka, glass after glass. When the man on his return saw his wife's drunken condition, he was not angry with her but went away to read God's Word. His wife followed him and would give him no peace. Groaning in silence to God, he prayed, "O God help me. I cannot bear any more."

He looked in faith to Jesus and not long afterwards her heart was touched and they went together to a meeting. At its close the wife could not keep quiet but wept and sought grace and salvation from Jesus. Now this couple are both joyful in the Lord. They want to give their lives entirely to His work. In their large house they plan to arrange a meeting hall on the second floor. Already they began a choir and children's meetings; we had the opportunity of singing some choruses with their young people.

After that I held many other meetings in different places. Thanks, much thanks to the Lord Jesus who has begun to do His work in all southern Esthonia in saving souls, and He will save more. Thanks also to you, dear friends, who have borne us upon your prayers, prayers which have borne indescribably precious fruit. I beg you to continue in the future, for we need much prayer.

Mr. Oscar Koobakene,
Jaanimae, Esthonia

Doctrinal Basis

The fundamentals of the evangelical faith are the doctrinal basis of the European Christian Mission. The Mission believes in the trinity of the Godhead, the divine inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Jesus Christ, full atonement for sin through the substitutionary death of Christ, His personal return, the eternal life of the redeemed, and the eternal punishment of the lost.



The picture shows part of an audience of over a thousand who came to hear the gospel in a village in White Russian Poland. Some had walked all night in order to reach the meeting hall. Then they stood for three hours and a half in the morning meeting, listening to the word of God. Afterward they gathered outside for another service, and in the evening many remained for still another meeting.

Large meetings like this one are often held in other parts of the field. Everywhere there are hearts hungry for God. For over twenty-five years He has used the work for the salvation of souls. It is estimated that over 50,000 souls have been won for Christ since the beginning of the work.

Truly the harvest among these 375,000,000 people is ripe for reaping. Who will pray for them? Who will give for them? Who will go to them to gather the precious souls?

150 Missionaries for Unevangelized Millions in Europe

Pray that God will soon raise up men and women of His choice to complete this number of missionaries and that He will provide for their support and outgoing.

Payer Requests

Please pray that God will save an increasing number of precious souls through the Mission. Pray also for large financial blessing to meet urgent needs and the great opportunities on the field. Praise Him for new missionary candidates and ask Him to provide the means for their outgoing.

We are always glad to hear from friends who wish to join our Prayer Union.

Would you not like to have part in the precious work of soul-winning? You may

share in it through supporting, fully or in part, a missionary (American or European). Support is from \$10 to \$60 a month.

Policy

The policy of the European Christian Mission is to establish self-supporting, self-propagating native churches through the co-operation of foreign missionaries and trained native pastors, evangelists, and teachers. The work has been carried on according to this policy for twenty-five years.

Jewish News

News of the work of the European Jewish Mission, Jewish branch of our work, is given in the "European Jew." We hope to print in the near future the "European Russian" to give reports of our Russian work.

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Lithuania

Bulgaria

Germany

Poland (White Russian)

Russia

Czechoslovakia

135 meeting halls for the work, many of which accommodate over one thousand people.
Fifty school houses are open for meetings.

107 workers including missionaries on probation.

267 volunteer helpers.

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